CATHOLIC COUNCIL FOR THE SPANISH SPEAKING
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Enclosed is what we believe will be very well received by the Spanish-speaking people. It is a consecration of the family and home to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since our priests are so very busy, this consecration has been designed to be made by the head of the family and not by the priest.

It is suggested that such organizations as the Legion of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul, NCCM and NCCW, Altar Society, etc. be given the project of visiting Mexican homes and teaching these families how they are to make this consecration. It seems very necessary that such personal contact and instruction precede the consecration of the homes. In this manner the desired results from such a project will be more surely effected. The family should be taught just what they are promising Our Lady, that is, to have nothing to do with the Protestants, to receive the Sacraments regularly, to have their marriages validated, if this be necessary, to see that their children are taught their Religion, etc. Should it happen that they are not validly married, let them make their consecration if they sincerely promise to correct this as soon as possible. They should also be encouraged to live the consecration as outlined in the last section of the leaflet. This consecration to Our Lady will then be more than a passing thing.

We would also like to suggest that the Mexican families themselves be exhorted and encouraged to teach the families of their relatives and friends how this consecration is to be made. This will help even the poorest and most uninstructed Mexican feel that he too is doing something for God and Church. For example, if a member of the Legion of Mary should find a group of Mexican families living relatively close to each other, it would be better to encourage one of these families to approach the neighbors and teach them how the consecration is made, rather than for these Legionaries to instruct each individual family. The Legionaries could check and see that this has been properly done. In this manner there would soon be few families left who have not consecrated themselves to Our Lady! Our goal is that every single one of the four million Spanish Speaking in the United States make the consecration.

It was Our Lady of Guadalupe who brought these people such a deep and beautiful love for Her Son and His Church, and so it is to Her that we turn in helping these same children from growing cold in their love, or even falling completely away. May God bless our endeavor in this regard.

The consecration kits may be obtained from this office at the above address. Price: 15 cents per kit. $12.00 per 100, post paid.